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## SUMMARY OF NEWS

CONDENSATION OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS.

### BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD

General, Political, Religious, Sporting, Foreign and Other Events Recorded Here and There.

#### Political.

The Kings county (N. Y.) republican committee have endorsed Chairman Timothy Woodruff to succeed Senator Platt.

Secretary Metcalf of the navy has resigned and has been succeeded by his assistant, Truman Newberry.

Senator Burkett of Nebraska, who arrived at Washington after a visit with President-elect Taft, says tariff is certain to be revised and rates lowered.

The appointment of Colonel George H. Torney as surgeon general of the army to succeed Surgeon General R. M. O'Reilly, was announced by the secretary of war, Colonel Torney is now in charge of the general hospital at San Francisco.

John Motley Morehead, a republican, who was elected to congress in a North Carolina district, regrets his success.

Five hundred farmers, members of the grange, visited the president.

The tariff revisers discussed duties on imported wines and liquors.

Three Kansans were elected governors of as many states in the election—Herbert S. Hadley in Missouri; W. F. Stubbs in Kansas, and James H. Brady in Idaho.

Seventy days were required to get a second Ruff jury. There are sixty more indictments upon which to try the man. Time is money, and San Francisco is spending a good deal on Ruff.

Democratic members of the house ways and means committee seek to have the tariff on barytes raised.

Allegations are made that the death of former Senator Carmack was the result of a deliberate plot to assassinate him.

#### General.

Francis J. Heney, prosecutor in the San Francisco graft trials, was shot in the court room by Morris Haas, a venieman, who had been rejected from former Ruff jury because he was an ex-convict. Heney will probably recover.

Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and his son, Robin Cooper, were indicted jointly on the charge of murdering ex-Senator Carmack of Tennessee. The former sheriff is charged with being accessory before the fact.

The presidential commission inquiring into agricultural conditions is investigating farm life in Tennessee.

Emperor of China is reported dead, and the Dowager empress, Tsai Ann, is said to be dying in Peking. Great secrecy is maintained as to actual conditions because of the hostility to the Manchu dynasty.

Three hundred and sixty miners are believed to have lost their lives in the wrecking of the workings at Hamm, Westphalia, Germany.

A Chicago physician who examined Miss Mae Otis, who is charged with plotting to kill her mother, says she is sane.

A taxicab in New York was destroyed by explosion of an infernal machine left in it by a woman.

Park theater in Brooklyn was totally destroyed by fire within an hour after the audience had left the house.

Vice President-elect Sherman and other leading political men of the nation were at Hot Springs for a conference with President-elect Taft.

Both liberals and conservatives are confident of success in the Cuban election.

Venezuela has completed preparations for the threatened blockade of her seaports by Holland.

The government will carry the Standard oil case to the supreme court.

Assistant Forester W. L. Hall says a lumber famine is coming in the near future.

Over three hundred perished in a mine explosion in Germany.

Charles Pool of Johnson county is said to be slated for speaker of the lower house of the Nebraska assembly.

Ex-Sheriff John D. Sharpe has been arrested in Nashville charged with being accessory to the murder of former Senator Carmack.

Postmaster General Meyer in his report on the postal finances advocates rural parcels post to help pay for this service.

An explosion of a glazing mill near Kansas City caused the injury of a number of passengers in a Kansas City Southern train standing near.

The question of war or peace in the Balkans is said to depend upon the tenor of the note to be issued by Austria.

The delegates from the Flint Glass Workers' association were excluded by the American Federation of Labor at Denver after a lively debate.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor delivered his annual report to the convention at Denver.

The Reichstag gave Emperor William severe censure in the course of a debate on interpellations with respect to the published interview of the emperor in England.

The Methodist committee on foreign missions has decided to ask the conference to raise \$1,500,000 next year.

The federal court of appeals has decided that the American Tobacco company is a combination in restraint of trade.

Returns from the Nebraska election indicate the republicans have certainly elected Kinkaid to congress in the Sixth district.

The United States court of appeals at New York refused to admit Charles W. Morse to bail pending application for a new trial.

There is a possibility that Hepburne has, after all, been elected to congress from Iowa. The vote is very close and there will be a recount.

By running away of a freight train on the Union Pacific west of Cheyenne there was a collision, in which nine men were killed and three seriously injured. Three of the victims were Chinese.

The United States circuit court of appeals overruled the petition for a rehearing in the case of the government against the Standard Oil company. The case will be taken to the United States supreme court.

Secretary Root will probably be elected United States senator to succeed Thomas C. Platt.

Victorien Sardou dean of French dramatists, died in Paris Sunday. He was 77 years old.

Unofficial returns indicate that Mr. Bryan's majority in Nebraska will be 4,500.

Railroads of the west which were forced by the legislature of the western states to accept a reduction of 2 cents per mile for passenger fares are again uniting to make 2 cents the minimum as well as the maximum after January 1.

Governor Sheldon of Nebraska is seriously considering causing an extra session of the legislature to pass a county option bill after having sent messages to members of the present legislature asking their position on the subject.

#### Washington.

The formal opening of the army war college was signaled by an important address by Secretary Root, popularly known as "the father" of the institution. On account of the limited capacity of the lecture hall in which the exercises were held, the attendance was limited.

"Secretary Taft's religious faith is purely his own private concern, and not a matter for general discussion and political discrimination," says President Roosevelt in a letter to J. C. Martin of Dayton, O., in which he answers numerous correspondents. The president says he deferred the publication of the letter until now to avoid any agitation likely to influence the election.

Important recommendations for improving Mare Island strait and for the approaches thereto are contained in the report of the board of engineer officers of the army and navy and an estimate is made of \$1,767,000 for the work, this amount to include a self-contained and self-propelling dredge which will require about \$15,000 per year to maintain.

What may be the final chapter in the story of the fight against racing in the District of Columbia is recorded in the dismissal by the district court of appeals of the appeal of William Davis, the New York bookmaker, convicted in the spring of 1906 of setting up a gaming table by making books at the Benning race course. Although sentenced to serve two hours in the district jail it is unlikely that Davis will be brought here to carry out the sentence, as bookmaking apparently is a sport of the past in the district.

The tariff commission have commenced on their work of revision.

#### Foreign.

The German Reichstag, after further exciting debate concerning the interview with Kaiser Wilhelm in a London paper, refused to adopt a formal address to the emperor calling his attention to the possible effect of his utterances on foreign relations of the empire.

The burial of Victorien Sardou was accomplished at Paris with general public mourning.

A man selected by lot to kill King Manuel of Portugal committed suicide instead.

Calcutta, India, is terrorized by an outbreak of political crimes.

#### Personal.

William D. Cornish, second vice president of the Union Pacific railroad, died suddenly in Chicago.

William Hayward, secretary of the national republican committee, was given a rousing welcome home at Nebraska City, Neb., on his return from Chicago.

Indications from Washington are that Mr. Cannon will be re-elected speaker without much opposition.

Crawford Kennedy of Albion, Neb., who traveled 18,000 miles with Taft special train distributing buttons and tracts, has returned home.

Judge Taft and Chairman Hitchcock went over the work of the campaign. Mr. Hitchcock stated that no promises or pledges had been made in exchange for personal services or contributions.

The postmaster general announced that the president has decided to remove George M. Stewart, postmaster of Seattle, Wash., as the result of an investigation of charges that he solicited campaign contributions.

Colonel Ludlow, commandant at Fort Hamilton, denies stories that officers' quarters at the post have been the scene of orgies.

Federal officials emphatically deny the report that a lake has been found under the proposed site of the Gatun locks of the Panama canal.

## REAL RULER IS DEAD

TSZE HSI AN, DOWAGER EMPRESS OF JAPAN, PASSES AWAY.

### OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

Date of Death Given Out as Two O'clock Sunday, but is Believed to Have Occurred Earlier.

Peking—Tsze Hsi An, the dowager empress of China, the autocratic head of the government which she directed without successful interference since 1861, and without protest since 1881, died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The announcement of the dowager empress' death was official and followed closely upon the announcement that Kuang Hsu, the emperor, had died Saturday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it is believed the deaths occurred a considerable time before that set down in the official statements.

An official edict issued at 7 o'clock placed on the throne Prince Pu Yi, the 3-year-old son of Prince Chun, the regent of the empire, in accordance with a promise given by the dowager empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1902. An edict issued on Friday made Pu Yi heir presumptive.

The foreign legations were notified by the foreign board of the death of the emperor and the succession of Prince Pu Yi. Troops have been in readiness for several days to quell any disorders that might arise on the death of Kuang Hsu, and the possibility of uprisings was made greater because of the fact that the death of the dowager empress was known to be close at hand. Two divisions of troops have been held in reserve and these are now stationed in various quarters of the city. Twenty gendarmes were dispatched to guard the approaches to the legations, but up to the present the duties of the forces have been slight. It was announced that the legation guard was ordered out at "the special call of the legations on account of the emperor's death."

Prince Chun, the regent, has ordered the viceroys and governors to take precautions for the continuation of the administration of the provinces as heretofore, and he has ordered a hundred days of mourning. The court will go into mourning for three years.

#### OUTCOME IN NEBRASKA.

Democrats Get Two State Officers Governor and Railway Commissioner. The democrats will have the two principal offices of the new state administration, while the republicans get the six other offices of the new regime.

Complete election returns from all but Richardson county show that the democrats have elected Shallenberger for governor by a plurality of 6,562 and Cowgill for railway commissioner by a plurality of 477. The republican pluralities are as follows: Hopewell, for lieutenant governor, 422; Junkin, for secretary of state, 1,874; Barton for auditor, 5,342; Brian, for treasurer, 3,425; Bishop, for superintendent, 3,227; Thompson, for attorney general, 4,800; Cowles, for land commissioner, 2,002.

The state congressional delegation will be evenly divided between the republicans and democrats. The democratic congressmen elect are Maguire, in the First; Hitchcock, in the Second, and Latta in the Third. The republicans have elected Hinshaw in the Fourth, Norris, in the Fifth and Kinkaid in the Sixth.

#### WATTERSON IS LAID TO REST.

Body of Man Who Met Tragic Death is Buried at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky.—The body of Harvey Watterson was laid to rest Sunday afternoon in Cave Hill cemetery.

"He was from his babyhood," said his father, speaking of his dead son, "a little gentleman. He was the only one of our children I had never to punish. He was born with a strong will and a fierce temper, but he completely mastered them. He had written his mother just before the awful mishap, a tender and breezy letter in which he says: "I am pretty hard worked, but we are as happy as two bugs in a rug. "Our hearts are broken now."

#### EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS

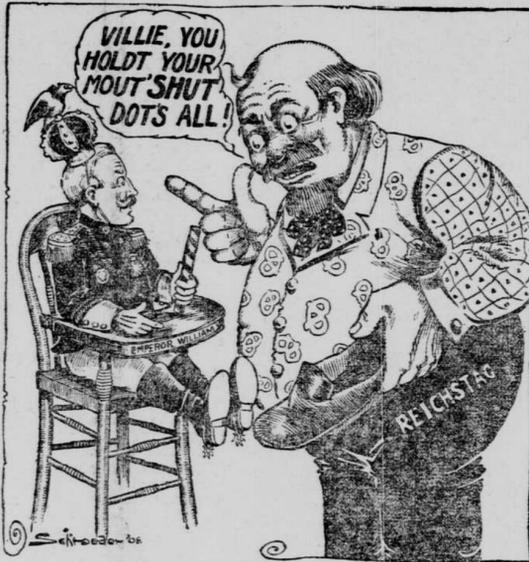
President-elect Taft Announces He Will Call One.

Washington.—That a special session of the Sixty-first congress will be called soon after March 4, to take up the matter of tariff revision, became known positively Sunday, when William H. Taft, president-elect, after spending the day at the White House as the guest of President Roosevelt, stated that he intended to call the special session to meet as soon after his inauguration as would be reasonable.

#### Standing of Next House.

Washington.—The temporary roll call of the house of representatives for the sixty-first congress has been completed and published. It presents a complete list of members of the new house as shown by unofficial returns and gives the politics of all of them. According to this publication the next house will consist of 219 republicans and 172 democrats, a total of 391, as against a total of 289 in the house during the last session, of whom 223 were republicans and 166 democrats. The republican loss is four.

#### TIMELY ADVICE.



## HUNDREDS DIE IN A MINE

AWFUL RESULTS OF EXPLOSION IN GERMAN COLLIERY.

Dead Number 339—Efforts to Reach Their Bodies Are Frustrated by Fire.

Hamm, Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 13.—The greatest mine disaster in many years in Germany occurred Thursday morning at the Radbod mine, about three miles from this place. There was a heavy explosion in the mine about 4 a. m., and almost immediately the mine took fire.

Of 280 miners working underground at the time only six escaped without injury. Thirty-five were taken out badly injured and 27 were dead when brought to the mouth of the pit. The remaining 302 have been given up for lost.

The explosion, which was unusually violent, destroyed one of the shafts, which had to be partly repaired before the rescue work was begun. In addition, the flames and smoke proved almost insurmountable obstacles in the early efforts of the rescuing parties. A special corps, composed of the men who rendered such valuable aid in the terrible mine disaster at Courrières, France, in March of 1906, arrived upon the scene shortly before noon, but were unable to enter the mine, being forced to await the result of the determined efforts of the firemen to keep the flames in check.

Meantime heart-rending scenes were being enacted at the mine when the dead and wounded were brought to the surface, and there were similar scenes in the town when the injured were transported through the streets to the hospitals.

At one o'clock the fire had made great headway, and later in the afternoon, after a consultation of the engineers, it was decided that any further attempts to rescue the entombed men were vain, owing to the impossibility of entering the galleries. At the same time an order was issued to flood the mine.

First reports indicated that the accident was the result of an explosion of coal dust, but the statements of the injured men render them improbable, and it is not clear just what caused it.

#### BANK EXAMINER IS DEAD.

E. B. Shaw is Suddenly Stricken at Carroll, Ia.

Carroll, Ia.—The second tragedy in the affairs of the failed First National bank of Carroll, whose president, W. L. Culbertson, recently shot himself, occurred here Thursday in the death of the national bank examiner in charge, E. B. Shaw of West Union, Ia.

Although apparently in good health Wednesday night, he was found dying at eight o'clock in the morning when the clerk at his hotel sought to arouse him for breakfast. He had been stricken while undressing to retire, and had lain across the foot of the bed all night unconscious. He was removed to the hospital and there died at ten o'clock of hemorrhage of the brain.

#### Bold Attempt at Blackmail.

Denver, Col.—A woman giving her name as Mrs. H. C. Cones Monday afternoon compelled Mrs. Genevieve Chandler Phipps, divorced wife of Lawrence Phipps, the Pittsburg millionaire, to take her in her automobile to a bank for the purpose of getting \$10,000 that she demanded of Mrs. Phipps on pain of being blown to pieces with dynamite. At the bank Mrs. Cones was overpowered by special officers and placed under arrest. She talked incoherently to the police and is thought to be insane.

#### Life Sentence for Train Wrecker.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Clarence Agnew, the negro charged with murder and the wrecking of a passenger train on the Southern railway near Duncan, S. C., which resulted in the killing of the engineer and fireman, was found guilty Thursday. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

#### Serious Fire in Bismarck, N. D.

Bismarck, N. D.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the yards and warehouse of the Acme Harvester Company, causing a loss of \$150,000.

## KAISER WILLIAM CENSURED.

Members of German Reichstag Use Severe Language.

Berlin.—Emperor William never has been so severely judged by his parliament as he was Tuesday during the debate in the reichstag on the interpellations concerning the permission of the emperor in the London Daily Telegraph, on October 28.

The criticisms of his majesty's court, his ministers and his majesty's treatment of the constitution, as well as of his freedom of speech, went to lengths that astonished observers acquainted with the traditional caution of the chamber in dealing with the personality of the sovereign. And the emperor seemed to have no defenders.

Chancellor von Buelow made an address lasting 15 minutes, but he lacked his usual spirit, and a person high in confidence is authority for the statement that he also had told the emperor that neither himself nor his successors could remain in office unless his majesty was more reserved. The house received his explanation in icy silence.

The conservatives, representing largely the landed nobility, were almost as relentless as the socialists, the radicals and the national-liberals.

#### SIX CHINAMEN DROWNED.

Attempt to Smuggle Orientals from Canada Is Disastrous.

Buffalo, N. Y.—A motor boat containing ten Chinamen and three white men was wrecked on the breakwall off the foot of Michigan street early Thursday. Six of the Chinamen were drowned or dashed to death against the rock-ribbed seawall. The four survivors were rescued by the crew of a police boat. The three white men escaped.

Mock Quong, one of the rescued Chinamen, speaks fairly good English, which he learned in a South Bend (Ind.) Sunday school class. He told the immigration inspectors that the ten Chinamen left Toronto a week ago and had been lodged in a barn on the Canadian side of the lake opposite Buffalo, awaiting a favorable opportunity to make a landing in the United States. Wednesday night they were taken to the lake by three white men and placed in a motor boat, which also had a rowboat in tow. They had been on the water about half an hour when they were wrecked.

#### EMPEROR OF CHINA DEAD.

Dowager Empress Also Said to Be Dying at Peking.

Peking.—The emperor of China was reported dying Saturday morning. It has, however, been impossible to secure official confirmation of this announcement. His majesty was transferred to the death chamber at two o'clock Friday afternoon. At that hour he was still breathing, it was said.

Two imperial edicts were issued from the palace Friday afternoon in quick succession. The first makes Prince Chun regent of the empire and the second appoints his son, Pu Wei, heir presumptive.

#### FATAL BOILER EXPLOSIONS.

Sargent, Ky.—In a boiler explosion at the Miller Lumber Company's plant at Pound, near Pound Gap Friday, four men were killed and four more severely injured.

Norton, Va.—Three men were killed outright, two were fatally injured and two others were seriously hurt in an explosion at a sawmill plant in Wise county Friday.

#### "Pauper" Padded with Money.

Peoria, Ill.—Upwards of \$1,000 in cash and certificates of deposit and deeds amounting to \$4,000 were found by asylum attendants at the Bartonville institution Friday when the clothing of Mrs. Mary McMasters, an aged and supposedly poor woman. The woman, for years, lived as a recluse and recently had made threats to set fire to her home and burn the place and herself. The money was brought to Superintendent Zeller, who is making efforts to find some kin of the unfortunate woman.

## METCALF STEPS OUT

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WILL LEAVE CABINET DECEMBER 1.

### LONG ILLNESS THE CAUSE

President Accepts Resignation with Regret—Truman H. Newberry of Michigan Will Be Appointed to Fill Vacancy.

Washington.—Secretary of the Navy Victor H. Metcalf Friday tendered his resignation to the president to take effect December 1 on account of ill health. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Truman H. Newberry will be named as Mr. Metcalf's successor.

For more than a year the fact that Mr. Metcalf had suffered serious illness has been well known at the navy department. Formerly of vigorous health, his friends expected that he would be able to regain his strength, but constantly recurring illness convinced him that the only course for him to pursue was to sever his connection with all active work.

Too Ill to Perform His Duties. Mr. Metcalf has suffered from a nervous breakdown that has rendered it impossible for him to remain at his desk for any length of time, and the chronic nature of his trouble has caused him to abandon hope of recovery while burdened with the cares of office. On April 15 last, he went to California and to review the Atlantic battleship fleet. He took a long vacation, hoping to be permanently benefited thereby, returning here September 1. Upon his resumption of official duty, his illness promptly recurred and he frankly told the president that he could not remain in the cabinet.

Mr. Metcalf was thoroughly versed in naval matters, having served on the house committee on naval affairs while in congress. His first appointment under this administration was as secretary of commerce and labor, which he relinquished in order to accept the duties of secretary of the navy on December 17, 1906.

Praise from the President. The president's letter accepting the resignation was as follows:

"My dear Mr. Metcalf: I accept your resignation with real reluctance, and only because you tell me that it is imperative that you must go on account of the state of your health. I

## FRANCIS J. HENEY IS SHOT

PROSECUTOR OF 'FRISCO BOODLERS BADLY WOUNDED.

### Saloon Man Attempts to Kill Lawyer Because Latter Brought Out Fact He Was Ex-Convict.

San Francisco.—Francis J. Heney, a leading figure in the prosecution of municipal corruption in this city, was shot and seriously injured Friday by Morris Haas, a Jewish saloon-keeper, who had been accepted as a juror in a previous trial and afterwards removed, it having been shown by the prosecution that he was an ex-convict, a fact not brought out in his examination as a venireman.

The shooting occurred in Superior Judge Lawlor's courtroom during a recess in the trial of Abraham Ruff, on trial for the third time on the charge of bribery.

At six o'clock at night Mr. Heney was conscious. He said: "I will live to prosecute him."

The physicians in attendance on Heney expressed the opinion that he would live. It had been ascertained



Francis J. Heney.

that the bullet, which had entered the right cheek, had lodged under the left ear, and had not entered his brain, as at first feared. Mr. Heney was taken to the Lane hospital, where he is receiving the care of skilled surgeons.

When he was arrested, Haas said he shot Heney because he had ruined him. He is a married man and has four children. In a statement made to Police Captain Duke he said:

"Heney denounced me in public, which ruined my life and branded me as an ex-convict. It was an outrage. I am the wronged man. I do not care what becomes of me now. I have sacrificed myself not for my own honor, but for those who are situated like myself. I would not have brought my four children into the world to bear such a brand if I had known that the fact that I was an ex-convict would become my shot. Heney ruined me. That is why I shot him."

#### HIRES MEN TO KILL HER MOTHER

Cold-Blooded Plot of Chicago Woman is Exposed.

Chicago.—Plotting matricide in the most cold-blooded manner, in order to obtain \$7,500, May L. Otis, 36 years old, carried her plans to the point where she believed four days would see their fulfillment, then was arrested by the men she believed her fellow conspirators.

She was to point her mother out to the man she had hired to commit the crime, that he might make no mistake. She had paid over \$100 cash and signed a note for \$2,400 to procure the commission of the crime. She had outlined in detail how her mother was to be done to death and had warned him that she wanted a "good job" and did not want it to be "any ambulance case."

All her planning was due to the fact that her mother, in a recent will, had made Miss Otis her sole heir. The woman's supposed fellow conspirators were the head of a private detective agency and two city detectives.

#### Oil Rehearing Denied.

Chicago.—The petition by the United States government for a rehearing of the appeal of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana from the \$29,240,000 fine of Judge Landis was overruled Tuesday by Judges Grosscup, Baker and Seaman in the United States circuit court of appeals. In a brief opinion, delivered by Judge Grosscup, the original opinion of the court, reversing Judge Landis' decision, was upheld.

#### New Head for Wesleyan.

New York.—William Arnold Shanklin, president of Upper Iowa university, Fayette, Ia., was elected on Friday president of Wesleyan university, Middletown, Conn. Dr. Shanklin, who has been president of Upper Iowa university since 1905, graduated at Hamilton college, this state, in 1883.

#### Receivers for Cleveland Car Lines.

Cleveland, O.—Judge Taylor of the federal court Thursday appointed Warren Eicknell and Frank A. Scott joint receivers for the Municipal Traction Company and the Cleveland Railway Company.

#### True Bills Against Coopers.

Nashville, Tenn.—The grand jury Friday afternoon returned a true bill against Robin Cooper, Col. D. B. Cooper and ex-Sheriff John D. Sharp, charging them with the murder of Senator E. W. Carmack.

#### New Divorce Law Was Carried.

Stonx Falls, S. D.—The new divorce law, increasing the period of residence from six months to one year was carried on November 3 in South Dakota by a vote of two to one, according to unofficial figures.



Truman H. Newberry.

had earnestly hoped that you would be able to continue with me throughout my term. I thank you warmly for your faithful and efficient service in both of the departments, at the head of which you have served under me. But, my dear Mr. Metcalf, you have always been more than the head of a department; you have been a cabinet minister upon whose aid and advice, and above all, on whose staunch and steadfast loyalty I could rely upon any and all occasions. No president could wish more loyal and hearty support than you have given me. I thank you for it. I shall miss you when you leave the cabinet, and I wish you well in whatever work you may undertake and wherever your life may lead.

"With regret, therefore, I accept your resignation to take effect upon the first of December."

#### Newberry Good Man for Place.

Mr. Newberry had never filled any important public office prior to his appointment as assistant secretary of the navy November 1, 1905. Before that he was in business in Detroit, Mich. The intelligent interest he has displayed in connection with his post has caused much favorable comment. Mr. Newberry has entered into the spirit of naval improvement and has co-operated, whenever possible, in the development of naval matters. He will have an opportunity to use his personal prestige with the naval affairs committees of both houses